

## WORKFORCE AT A GLANCE

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### Statewide Overview

Please see page 3 for additional information reflecting the effects of both Hurricanes Katrina and Rita on the business and household surveys in Louisiana.

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment for Louisiana was estimated to be 1,765,000 for March 2006. This figure represented an increase over the month of 5,000 jobs and a decrease over the year of 164,700 employees. The largest net increase over the month was in Professional and Business Services with an increase of 3,700 jobs. Statewide employment figures for seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment can be found on page 2.

Changes from February to March revealed growth in five industry sectors, reductions in five industry sectors, and no change in Other Services. Natural Resources and Mining increased 100; Construction increased 2,100; Trade, Transportation, and Utilities increased 2,000; Financial Activities increased 300; and Professional and Business Services increased 3,700. Those industry sectors reporting declines in employment were Manufacturing, 900; Information, 300; Educational and Health Services, 300; Leisure and Hospitality, 1,100; and Government, 600.

Over the year, seasonally adjusted figures indicated an increase in only one industry sector, Natural Resources and Mining with 2,100 positions. Reductions were found in all the other industry sectors. Employment declined in Construction, 9,400 jobs; Manufacturing, 11,100 jobs; Trade, Transportation, and Utilities, 16,100 jobs; Information, 1,800 jobs; Financial Activities, 4,900 jobs; Professional and Business Services, 21,900 jobs; Educational and Health Services, 43,100 jobs; Leisure and Hospitality, 38,500 jobs; Other Services, 12,900 jobs; and Government, 7,100 jobs.

The March preliminary seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Louisiana was 4.8 percent, an increase from the February rate of 4.3 percent. The national unemployment rate for March was 4.7 percent, a decrease from the February rate of 4.8 percent. Total unemployment in the state for March was 89,252. The state civilian labor force decreased to 1,871,974, with a decrease in total employment to 1,782,722.

### Economic Indicators

Seasonally Adjusted	Preliminary MARCH 2006	
	United States	Louisiana
<b>Civilian Labor Force</b>		
Labor Force	150,652,000	1,871,974
Employed	143,641,000	1,782,722
Unemployed	7,011,000	89,252
Unemployment Rate	4.7	4.8

Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment	MAR 2006	MAR 2006
	United States	Louisiana
Total Nonfarm	134,966,000	1,765,000
Nat. Resources and Mining	659,000	46,900
Construction	7,504,000	106,000
Manufacturing	14,212,000	143,600
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	26,100,000	364,400
Information	3,076,000	28,400
Financial Activities	8,281,000	94,500
Professional and Business Services	17,214,000	167,100
Educational and Health Services	17,616,000	212,800
Leisure and Hospitality	13,004,000	171,100
Other Services	5,397,000	58,400
Government	21,903,000	371,800

Average Hours & Earnings		
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)		
Natural Resources & Mining	MAR 2006	MAR 2006
	United States	Louisiana
Average Weekly Earnings	\$ 866.95	\$ 982.84
Average Weekly Hours	44.3	42.9
Average Hourly Wages	\$ 19.57	\$ 22.91
Manufacturing	MAR 2006	MAR 2006
	United States	Louisiana
Average Weekly Earnings	\$ 685.11	\$ 773.50
Average Weekly Hours	41.0	42.5
Average Hourly Wages	\$ 16.71	\$ 18.20

Louisiana Unemployment Insurance Activities	
Claims	MAR 2006
Initial New & Renewals	9,422
Continued Weekly Intrastate Only	113,018
<b>Insured Unemployment Rate</b>	2.8
Benefits	
Number of First Payment	4,554
Benefits Paid (000's)	\$ 27,399
Weeks Compensated	141,949
Average Wkly. Benefit Amount	\$ 194.76
Average Duration of Claim (Weeks)	NA
<b>Exhaustions</b>	22,020

United States Consumer Price Index	
	MAR 2006
All Urban Consumers	199.8

The civilian labor force and nonfarm **estimates** are prepared according to Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) methodology and are comparable with the U.S. and other states' data. For more information, go to page 14.

## Economic Comparison

Seasonally Adjusted	Preliminary MARCH 2006		Revised FEBRUARY 2006	Preliminary FEBRUARY 2006	Revised MARCH 2005	
Civilian Labor Force	United States	Louisiana	United States	Louisiana	United States	Louisiana
Labor Force	150,652,000	1,871,974	150,449,000	1,892,099	148,217,000	2,097,655
Employed	143,641,000	1,782,722	143,257,000	1,809,815	140,601,000	1,986,845
Unemployed	7,011,000	89,252	7,193,000	82,284	7,616,000	110,810
Unemployment Rate	4.7	4.8	4.8	4.3	5.1	5.3
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment	MAR 2006 United States	MAR 2006 Louisiana	FEB 2006 United States	FEB 2006 Revised Louisiana	MAR 2005 United States	MAR 2005 Louisiana
Total Nonfarm	134,966,000	1,765,000	134,755,000	1,760,000	132,876,000	1,929,700
Nat. Resources and Mining	659,000	46,900	652,000	46,800	616,000	44,800
Construction	7,504,000	106,000	7,497,000	103,900	7,193,000	115,400
Manufacturing	14,212,000	143,600	14,217,000	144,500	14,268,000	154,700
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	26,100,000	364,400	26,068,000	362,400	25,822,000	380,500
Information	3,076,000	28,400	3,074,000	28,700	3,067,000	30,200
Financial Activities	8,281,000	94,500	8,265,000	94,200	8,096,000	99,400
Professional and Business Services	17,214,000	167,100	17,162,000	163,400	16,745,000	189,000
Educational and Health Services	17,616,000	212,800	17,583,000	213,100	17,211,000	255,900
Leisure and Hospitality	13,004,000	171,100	12,962,000	172,200	12,722,000	209,600
Other Services	5,397,000	58,400	5,396,000	58,400	5,389,000	71,300
Government	21,903,000	371,800	21,879,000	372,400	21,747,000	378,900
Average Hours & Earnings						
Natural Resources & Mining	United States (Not Seasonally Adjusted)			Louisiana (Not Seasonally Adjusted)		
	MAR 2006	FEB 2006	MAR 2005	MAR 2006	FEB 2006	MAR 2005
Average Weekly Earnings	\$ 866.95	\$ 863.01	\$ 823.02	\$982.84	\$978.13	\$977.95
Average Weekly Hours	44.3	44.6	44.9	42.9	44.4	48.8
Average Hourly Wages	\$ 19.57	\$ 19.35	\$ 18.33	\$22.91	\$22.03	\$20.04
Manufacturing						
Average Weekly Earnings	\$ 685.11	\$ 680.10	\$ 663.37	\$773.50	\$749.09	\$725.01
Average Weekly Hours	41.0	40.7	40.4	42.5	40.8	42.9
Average Hourly Wages	\$ 16.71	\$ 16.71	\$ 16.42	\$18.20	\$18.36	\$16.90
Louisiana Unemployment Insurance Activities						
Claims		MAR 2006	Revised FEB 2006	MAR 2005	% Change From	
					FEB 2006	MAR 2005
Initial New & Renewals		9,422	7,878	11,364	19.6	-17.1
Continued Weekly Intrastate Only		113,018	163,739	106,554	-31.0	6.1
Insured Unemployment Rate*		2.8	3.9	1.7	-28.9	58.0
Benefits						
Number of First Payment		4,554	4,790	6,571	-4.9	-30.7
Benefits Paid (000's)		\$ 27,399	\$ 48,059	\$ 18,434	-43.0	48.6
Weeks Compensated		141,949	257,488	96,168	-44.9	47.6
Average Wkly. Benefit Amount		\$ 194.76	\$ 187.71	\$ 194.30	3.8	0.2
Average Duration of Claim (Weeks)		NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Exhaustions		22,020	44,682	2,585	-50.7	751.8
* Insured unemployment rate is for the week including the 12th of the month.						
United States Consumer Price Index						
	MAR 2006	% Change From:		FEB 2006	% Change From:	
	Index	Prior Month	Prior Year	Index	Prior Month	Prior Year
All Urban Consumers	199.8	+ 0.6	+3.4	198.7	+ 0.2	+3.6

# Not Seasonally Adjusted State and Area Employment

The Louisiana Department of Labor, in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), continues to closely monitor the economic impact of the recent hurricanes on the business and household surveys in the affected parishes. In producing the post-hurricane estimates, BLS announced that a number of modifications were made to standard estimating procedures to better reflect the employment part the civilian labor force estimates. For a detailed explanation of the effects of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita on all of the BLS program's methodology, please go to <http://stats.bls.gov/katrina/cpscesquestions.htm>.

Total nonfarm employment (not seasonally adjusted) for Louisiana was 1,767,500 for March 2006. Over the month, goods producing increased by 3,700 and service providing by 10,800. One year ago, the total nonfarm level of employment was 1,930,900 for the state. Affected by the devastating effects of two major hurricanes, employment for March of this year was down 163,400.

Total nonfarm employment in the Alexandria was 65,800 for March, representing a gain of 800 when compared to February and a gain of 3,800 when compared to March 2005. In each comparison, both goods producing and service providing employment reported growth.

The Baton Rouge MSA had a total nonfarm employment estimate of 363,300 for March. This figure reflects increases of 2,700 over the month and 17,200 over the year. Both supersectors expanded over the 30-day and 12-month periods. The trade, transportation, and utilities sector recorded the largest over-the-month gain, while natural resources, mining, and construction had the biggest over-the-year gain.

Houma-Bayou Cane-Thibodaux MSA total nonfarm employment, estimated at 86,000 for March, rose by 1,000 from February. Goods producing was up 300 and service providing was up 700. The over-the-year increase of 2,500 occurred as goods producing gained 1,400 and service providing gained 1,100.

The Lafayette MSA total nonfarm employment for March reached a level of 140,900. When compared to one month and one year ago, employment rose 900 and 5,200, respectively. Since February, both supersectors experienced growth. Notably, positive movement was recorded for both supersectors over the year as well.

Total nonfarm employment in the Lake Charles MSA moved to an estimated level of 91,700 for March adding 1,100 jobs since February and 2,900 jobs since March of last year. The gain from February was seen in both goods producing and service providing employment. However, the increase from last year occurred solely in the goods producing supersector.

Monroe MSA total nonfarm employment was 79,600. When compared to February, this number reflects an increase of 700 positions. Goods producing rose by 200 and service providing rose 500. Over the year, goods producing was down 600 while service providing was up 1,300.

The New Orleans MSA total nonfarm employment continued to move in a positive direction as employment between February and March increased by 5,100. The goods producing supersector saw growth of 1,100. The service providing supersector rose by 4,000. The majority of the decline from one year ago was still due to the aftermath of two devastating hurricanes.

Total nonfarm employment in the Shreveport-Bossier City MSA was 177,900 for March experiencing a gain of 400 over the month and 6,000 over the year. Service providing employment was solely responsible for the increase from February. The over-the-year change was seen in both goods producing and in service providing employment.

### Key to Graphs

The following graphs have been designed to reflect the over-the-year trends in the statistical data. Below are the most frequently used abbreviations.

OTM refers to the over-the-month change in employment

OTY refers to the over-the-year change in employment

SA refers to seasonally adjusted estimates

NSA refers to not seasonally adjusted estimates

Graphs for statewide reflect seasonally adjusted (SA) estimates compared to not seasonally adjusted (NSA) data.

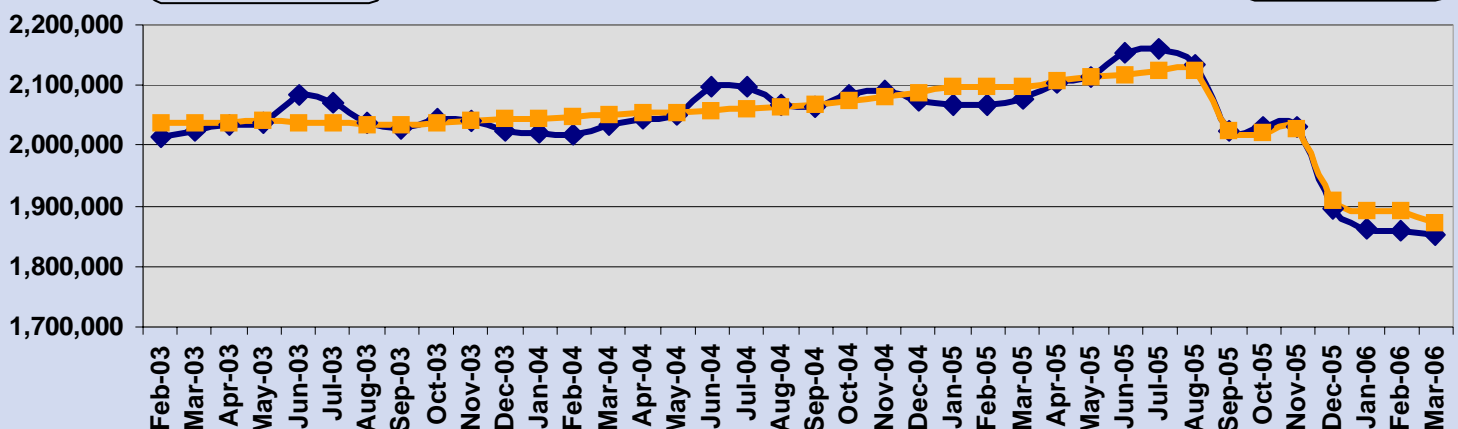
Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) graphs denote nonfarm employment levels compared to a three year red trend line of the estimated employment. The gold lines in these graphs are the over-the-month changes for each year.

March 2006

### Louisiana Civilian Labor Force

SA  
1,871,974  
OTM: - 20,125  
OTY: - 2225,681

NSA  
1,853,708  
OTM: - 5,256  
OTY: -223,669

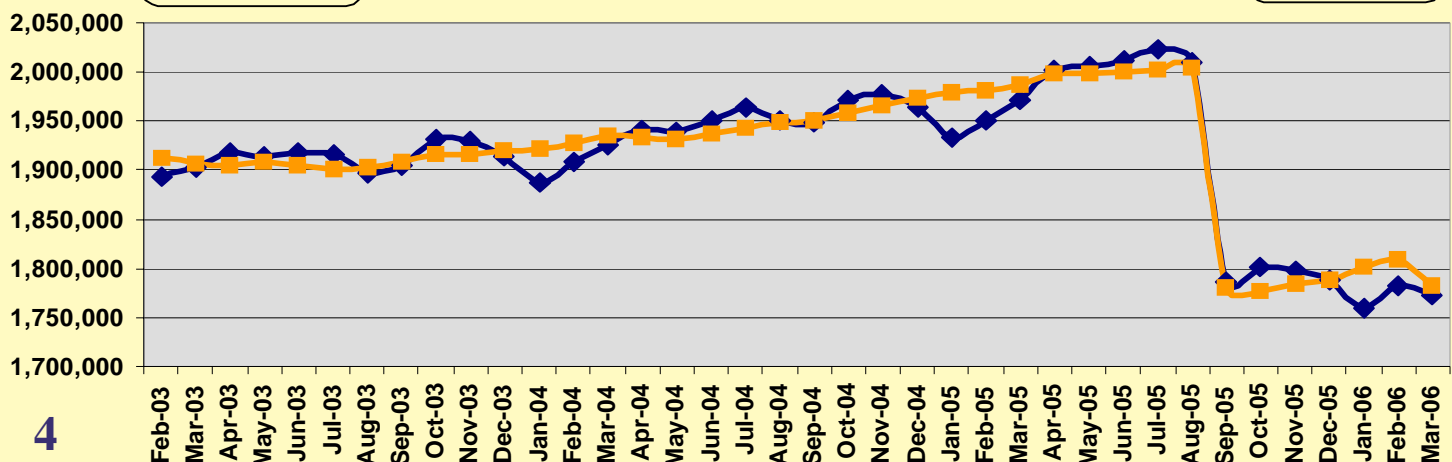


March 2006

### Louisiana Civilian Labor Force Employment

SA  
1,782,722  
OTM: -27,093  
OTY: -204,123

NSA  
1,771,828  
OTM: -9,544  
OTY: -199,527

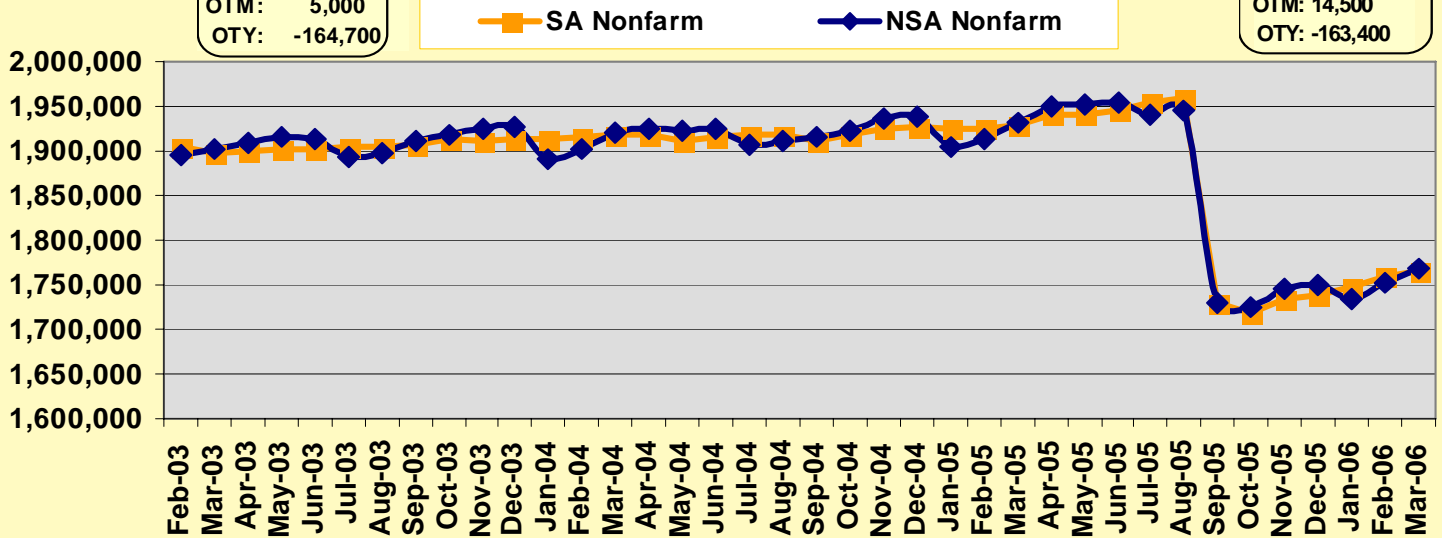


March 2006

## Louisiana Nonfarm Employment

SA  
1,765,000  
OTM: 5,000  
OTY: -164,700

NSA  
1,767,500  
OTM: 14,500  
OTY: -163,400



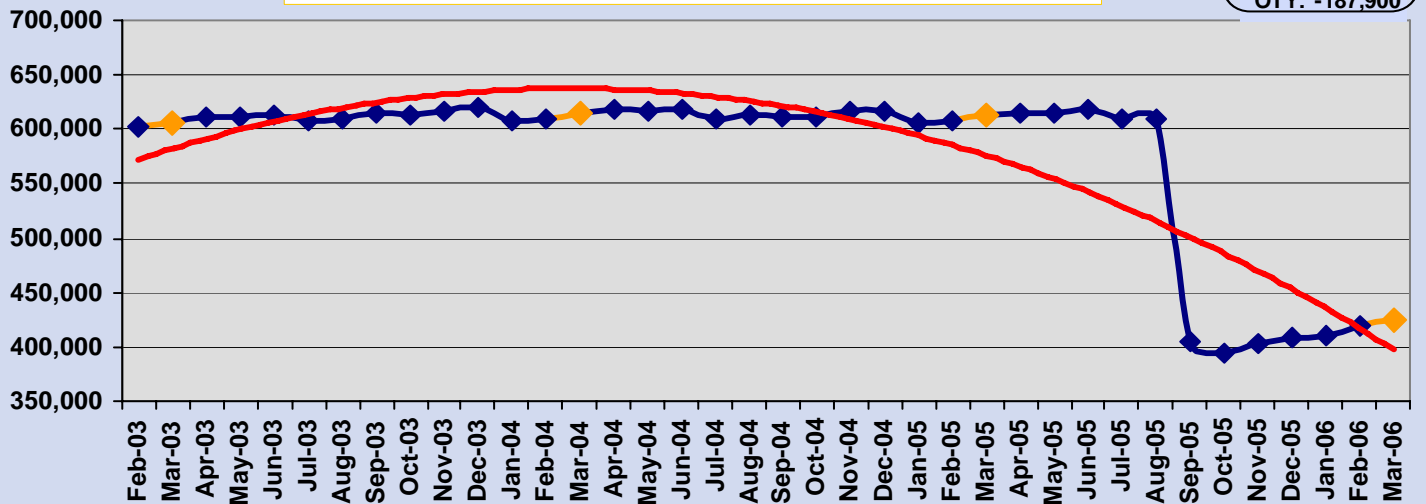
March 2006

## New Orleans Nonfarm Employment

Monthly Estimate

3 Year Trend

NSA  
425,200  
OTM: 5,100  
OTY: -187,900



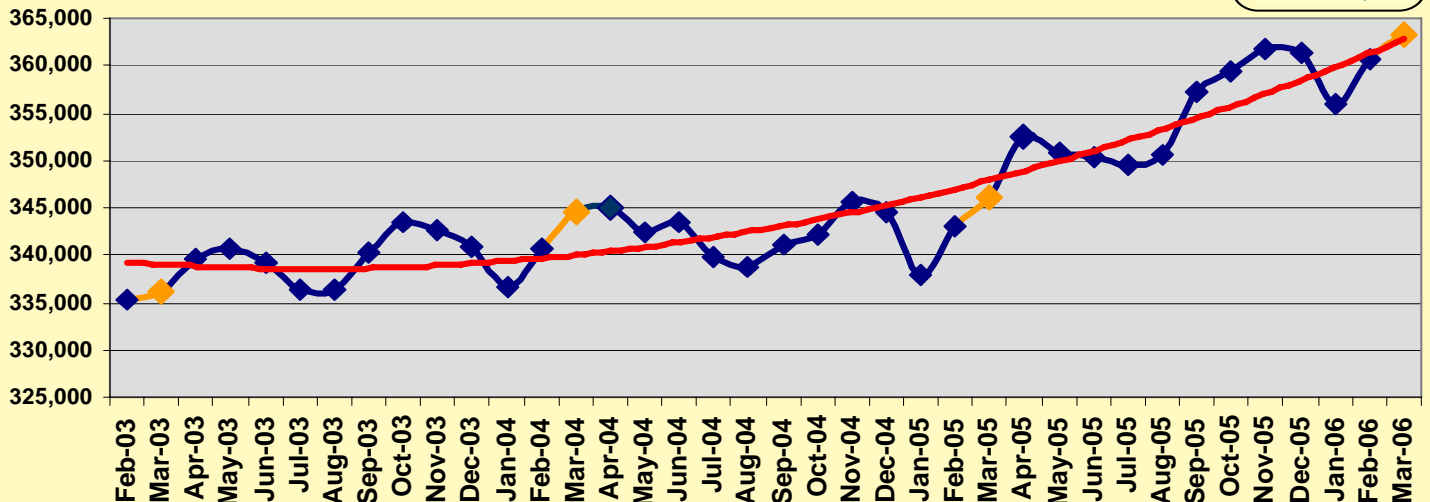
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## Baton Rouge Nonfarm Employment

Monthly Estimate

3 Year Trend

NSA  
363,300  
OTM: 2,700  
OTY: 17,200

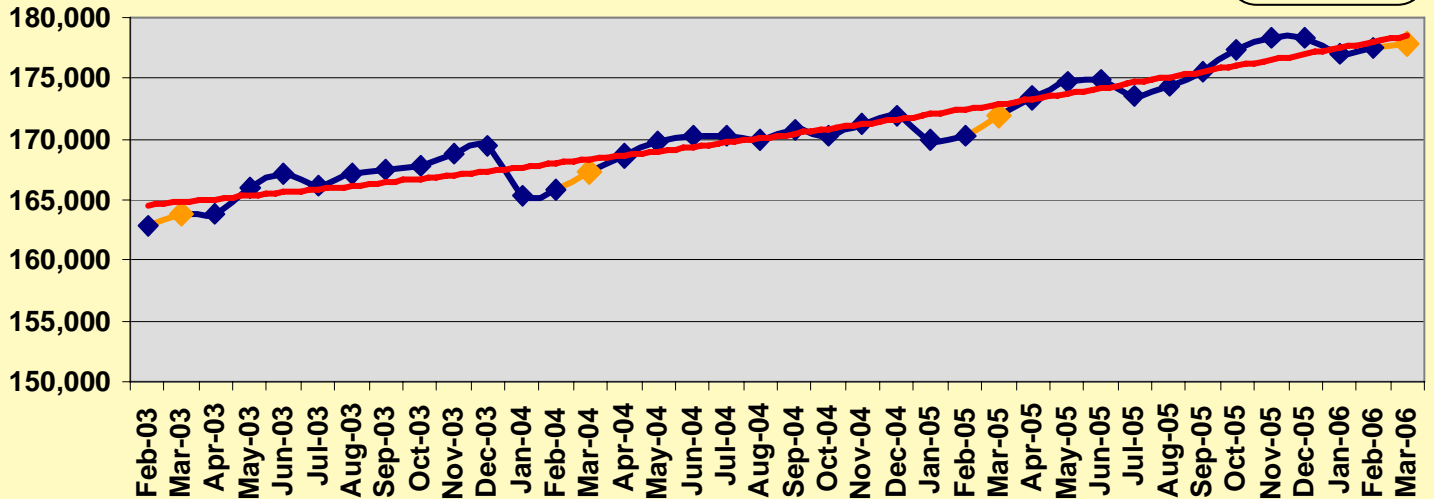


March 2006

## Shreveport Nonfarm Employment

Monthly Estimate 3 Year Trend

NSA  
177,900  
OTM: 400  
OTY: 6,000

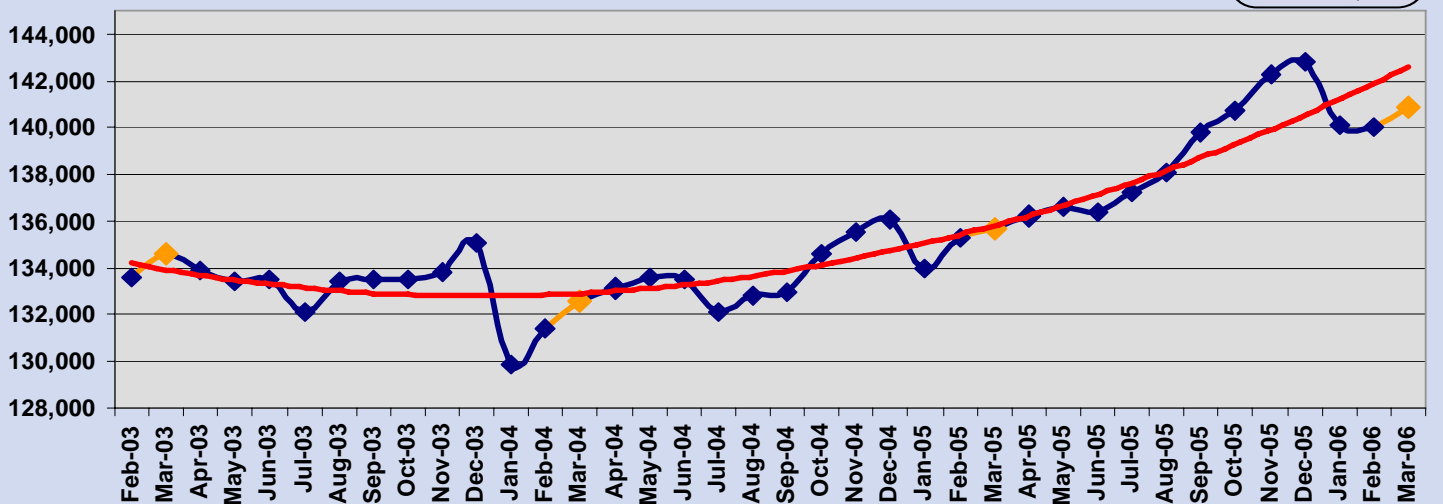


March 2006

## Lafayette Nonfarm Employment

Monthly Estimate 3 Year Trend

NSA  
140,900  
OTM: 900  
OTY: 5,200

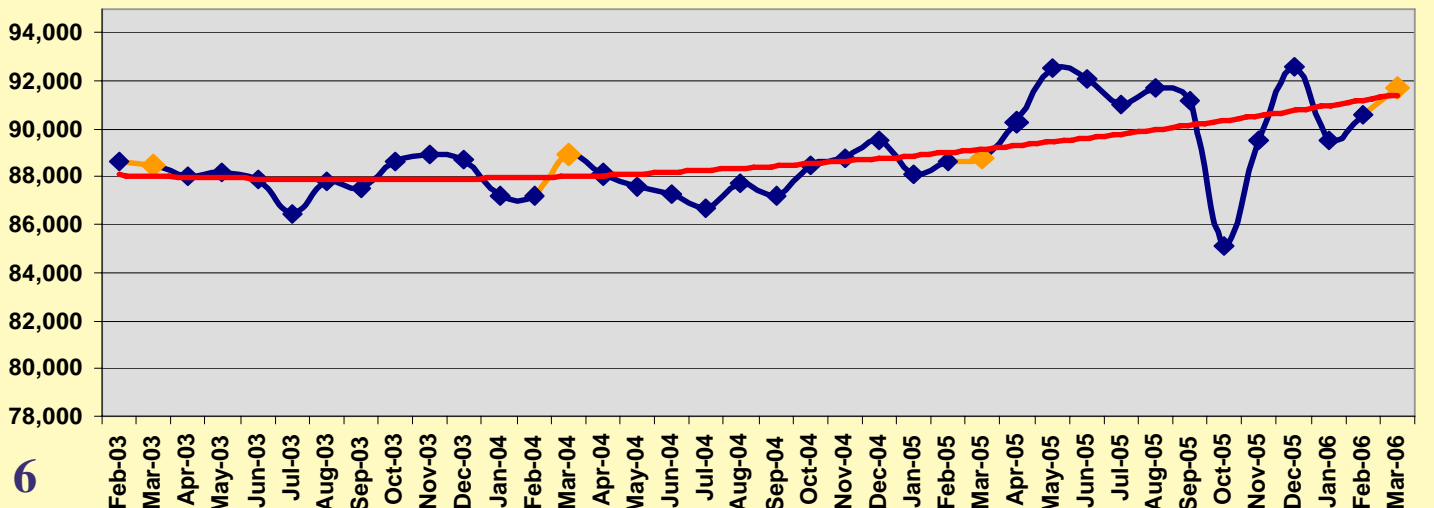


March 2006

## Lake Charles Nonfarm Employment

Monthly Estimate 3 Year Trend

NSA  
91,700  
OTM: 1,100  
OTY: 2,900

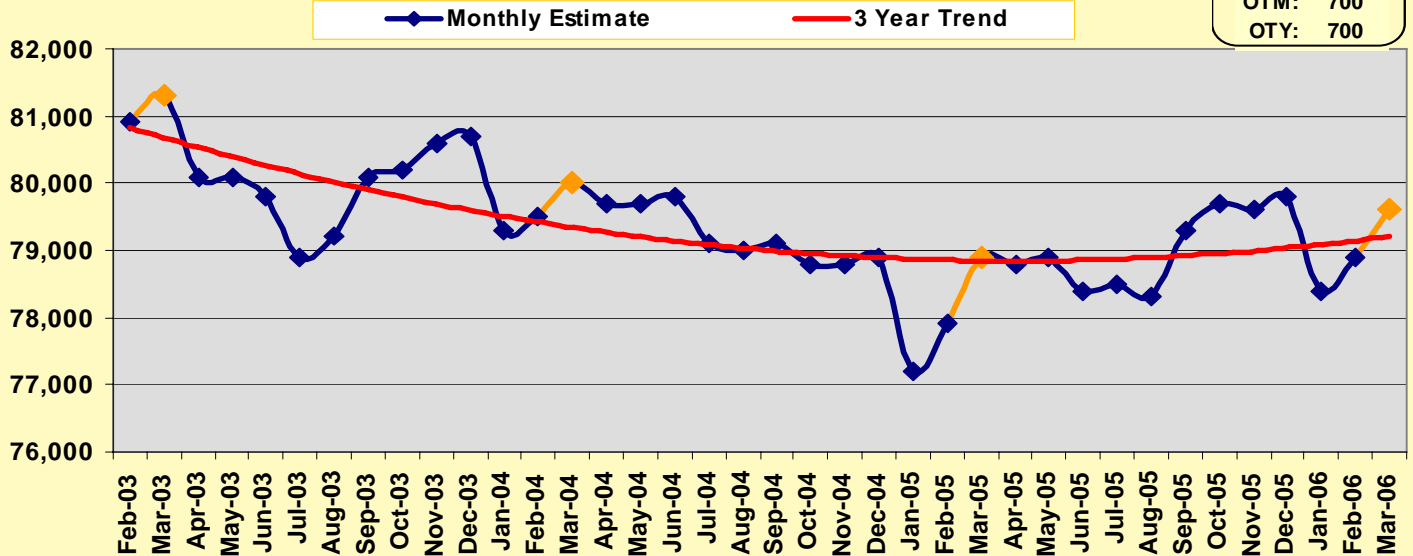




March 2006

### Monroe Nonfarm Employment

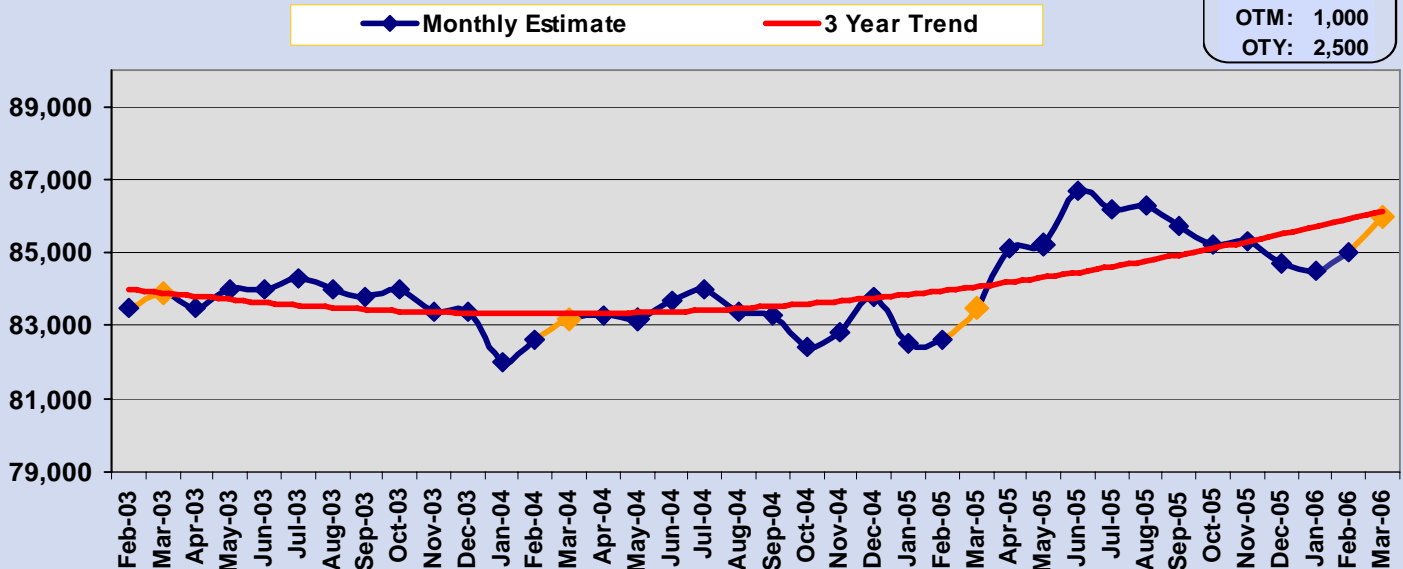
NSA  
79,600  
OTM: 700  
QTY: 700



March 2006

### Houma Nonfarm Employment

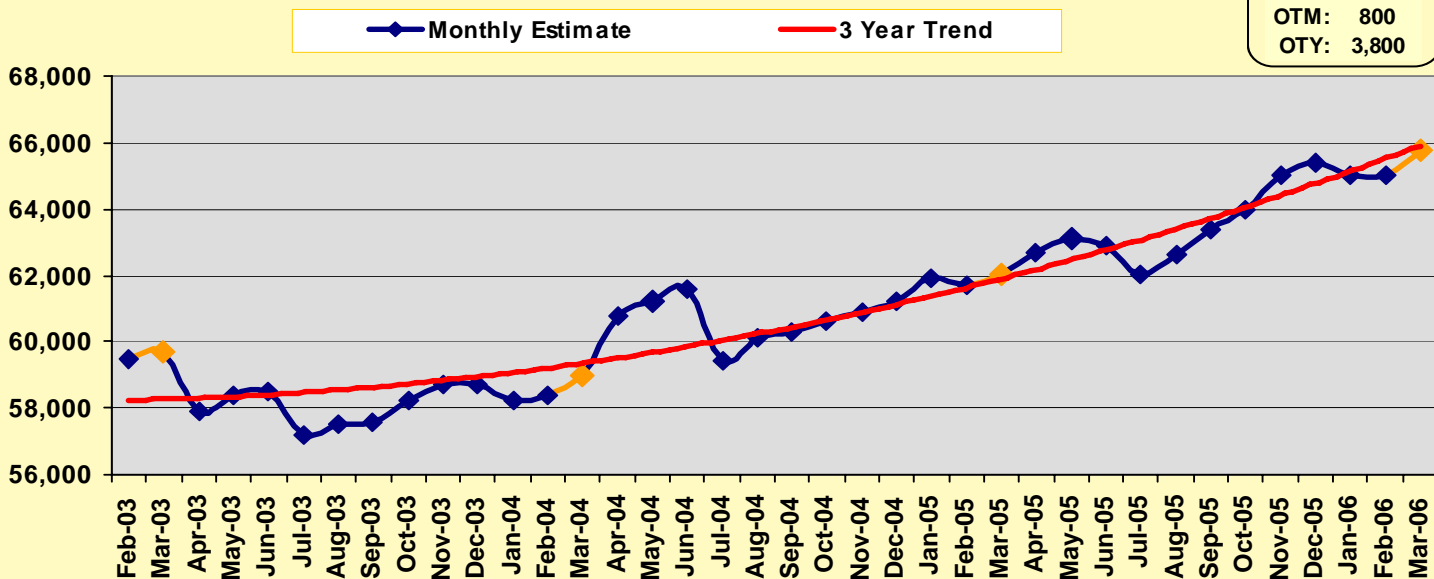
NSA  
86,000  
OTM: 1,000  
QTY: 2,500



March 2006

### Alexandria Nonfarm Employment

NSA  
65,800  
OTM: 800  
QTY: 3,800



Not Seasonally Adjusted	LOUISIANA			NEW ORLEANS-METairie-Kenner MSA			BATON ROUGE MSA		
	PREL	REV	REV	PREL	REV	REV	PREL	REV	REV
	MAR	FEB	MAR	MAR	FEB	MAR	MAR	FEB	MAR
	2006	2006	2005	2006	2006	2005	2006	2006	2005
Total Nonfarm	1,767,500	1,753,000	1,930,900	425,200	420,100	613,100	363,300	360,600	346,100
Total Private	1,391,700	1,377,100	1,547,800	333,600	328,600	506,200	286,600	284,300	270,700
Goods Producing	296,000	292,300	314,400	57,500	56,400	76,600	67,400	66,900	61,500
Natural Resources & Mining	46,900	46,800	44,800						
Natural Resources & Mining & Construction				29,400	28,300	38,200	41,200	40,600	35,700
Mining	43,600	43,500	41,700	10,300	9,800	8,500			
Oil & Gas Extraction	8,100	8,100	8,000	3,300	3,300	3,500			
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas Extraction	8,000	8,100	7,900						
Support Activities for Mining	34,100	33,900	32,500						
Drilling Oil & Gas Wells	7,500	7,500	7,700						
Construction	106,300	103,000	116,200	18,900	18,300	29,600	39,000	38,800	34,200
Building, Development, General Construction, & Heavy Construction									
Construction of Buildings	24,600	23,800	23,800				9,000	8,500	8,100
Residential Building Construction	8,000	7,700	7,200						
Nonresidential Building Construction	16,600	16,100	16,600				7,900	7,400	7,000
Heavy & Civil Engineering Construction	33,300	32,000	32,600	5,800	5,400	7,100	13,600	13,200	11,200
Utility System Construction	20,200	20,000	17,500						
Specialty Trade Contractors	48,400	47,200	59,800	9,400	9,200	16,600	16,400	17,100	14,900
Manufacturing	142,800	142,500	153,400	28,100	28,100	38,400	26,200	26,300	25,800
Durable Goods	74,800	75,000	79,100	14,800	14,900	20,700			
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	22,100	22,200	23,700	10,200	10,400	11,700			
Ship & Boat Building	13,700	14,000	15,200	8,000	8,200	9,600			
Nondurable Goods	68,000	67,500	74,300	13,300	13,200	17,700	18,000	17,900	17,900
Food Manufacturing	14,100	13,500	17,400						
Paper Manufacturing	9,400	9,500	9,800						
Petroleum & Coal Products Mfg. & Chemical Mfg.									
Petroleum & Coal Products Manufacturing	10,500	10,500	10,200	3,100	3,100	3,200			
Chemical Manufacturing	22,700	22,700	23,600	4,900	4,900	4,900	10,200	10,100	10,200
Basic Chemical Manufacturing	11,900	11,900	12,700				5,500	5,600	5,700
Resin, Synthetic Rubber, & Artif. & Synthetic Fibers & Filaments							3,300	3,100	3,200
Service Providing	1,471,500	1,460,700	1,616,500	367,700	363,700	536,500	295,900	293,700	284,600
Private Service Providing	1,095,700	1,084,800	1,233,400	276,100	272,200	429,600	219,200	217,400	209,200
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	363,100	358,600	378,300	88,400	86,700	121,700	65,700	65,000	62,800
Wholesale Trade	71,900	72,100	74,100	20,000	20,100	25,400	13,100	13,200	12,600
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	34,400	34,600	37,400	8,200	8,700	12,100			
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	27,300	27,300	27,600	9,500	9,200	9,500			
Retail Trade	212,700	208,500	223,100	42,700	41,600	67,400	39,100	38,600	37,900
Clothing & Clothing Accessories Stores, General Merchandise									
Motor Vehicle & Parts Dealers	24,500	24,400	28,100						
Building Material & Garden Equipment & Supplies Dealers	20,300	19,800	19,000						
Food & Beverage Stores	31,400	31,300	40,300	3,800	3,800	12,600	6,400	6,300	6,300
Grocery Stores	30,400	30,400	34,000	3,600	3,600	9,900	6,000	5,900	5,400
Health & Personal Care Stores	13,600	13,300	14,400	3,400	3,400	5,200			
Gasoline Stations	16,900	17,300	18,400						
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores	15,200	14,600	18,800						
General Merchandise Stores	50,300	48,300	49,800	5,900	5,700	13,800	9,400	9,000	8,400
Department Stores	15,300	14,700	16,500				2,700	2,600	2,400
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	78,500	78,000	81,100	25,700	25,000	28,900	13,500	13,200	12,300
Utilities	8,700	8,600	9,500	2,700	2,700	2,800			
Transportation and Warehousing	69,800	69,400	71,600	23,000	22,300	26,100			
Truck Transportation	14,000	13,700	18,300						
Support Activities for Transportation	20,000	19,800	20,500						
Support Activities for Water Transportation									
Information	28,300	28,500	30,300	7,800	7,800	10,500	5,700	5,700	5,700
Telecommunications	11,700	11,900	12,800						
Financial Activities	94,600	93,800	99,100	24,400	24,600	33,200	18,900	18,900	18,000
Finance & Insurance	59,500	58,800	65,000	10,800	10,600	22,400	13,400	13,200	13,000
Credit Intermediation & Related Activities	33,800	33,400	35,100	7,700	7,700	10,600			
Depository Credit Intermediation	22,700	22,500	24,200	5,200	5,300	7,800	4,600	4,500	4,200
Insurance Carriers & Related Activities	22,500	22,300	25,400						
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	35,100	35,000	34,100						
Professional & Business Services	168,100	163,800	189,800	43,400	41,600	74,300	39,900	39,500	38,100
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services	59,100	58,200	75,300	14,300	14,100	28,800	16,700	16,500	15,900
Legal Services	13,500	13,400	20,100	5,800	5,600	9,000			
Accounting, Tax Preparation, Bookkeeping & Payroll Services	8,000	8,500	11,700						
Architectural, Engineering, & Related Services	19,800	19,500	19,000						
Management of Companies & Enterprises	21,600	21,100	22,300	6,100	5,800	8,400			
Admin. & Support & Waste Mgmt. & Remediation Serv.	87,400	84,500	92,200	23,000	21,700	37,100	19,400	19,000	18,200
Administrative & Support Services	82,400	79,400	86,000	20,900	19,700	35,100			
Employment Services	37,500	37,300	35,200	7,600	7,100	14,500			
Services to Buildings & Dwellings	14,800	14,500	19,500						
Educational & Health Services	213,700	213,500	256,200	46,900	47,100	82,100	41,600	41,700	39,700
Educational Services	29,900	31,000	39,600	11,600	12,100	20,800			
Colleges, Universities, & Professional Schools	20,100	21,200	27,400	8,700	9,200	11,100			
Health Care & Social Assistance	183,800	182,500	216,600	35,300	35,000	61,300	35,900	36,100	34,000
Ambulatory Health Care Services	70,700	70,100	75,000	12,100	12,100	21,500	14,800	14,900	13,200
Offices of Physicians	27,200	27,100	30,900						
Home Health Care Services	15,100	14,900	15,100						
Hospitals	55,800	55,200	64,900	17,000	16,700	20,700	11,400	11,400	10,300
General Medical & Surgical Hospitals	50,200	49,800	54,600						
Nursing & Residential Care Facilities	34,000	33,800	44,500						
Nursing Care Facilities	25,000	24,600	28,300						
Social Assistance	23,300	23,400	32,200						
Leisure & Hospitality	169,900	169,000	208,300	55,600	55,300	85,500	33,000	32,600	31,100
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	29,100	29,100	36,300	6,400	6,500	14,000			
Amusement, Gambling, & Recreation Industries	24,900	25,000	29,900	4,900	5,000	10,100			
Gambling Industries	14,600	14,800	19,500	2,700	2,700	5,900			
Casinos (except Casino hotels)	14,000	14,000	17,500						
Accommodation & Food Services	140,800	139,900	172,000	49,200	48,800	71,500	28,500	28,200	26,900
Accommodation	14,000	13,400	26,200	11,600	10,700	15,200			
Food Services & Drinking Places	126,800	126,500	145,800	37,600	38,100	56,300	25,800	25,500	24,300
Other Services	58,000	57,600	71,400	9,600	9,100	22,300	14,400	14,000	13,800
Repair & Maintenance	17,700	17,700	20,900						
Automotive Repair & Maintenance	9,700	9,500	11,900						
Personal & Laundry Services	14,400	14,400	17,700						
Government	375,800	375,900	383,100	91,600	91,500	106,900	76,700	76,300	75,400
Federal Government	33,300	33,200	34,100	13,400	13,800	15,700	3,700	3,400	2,700
State Government	119,600	119,700	122,300	24,400	24,400	29,200	40,900	41,100	41,300
Local Government	222,900	223,000	226,700	53,800	53,300	62,000	32,100	31,800	31,400



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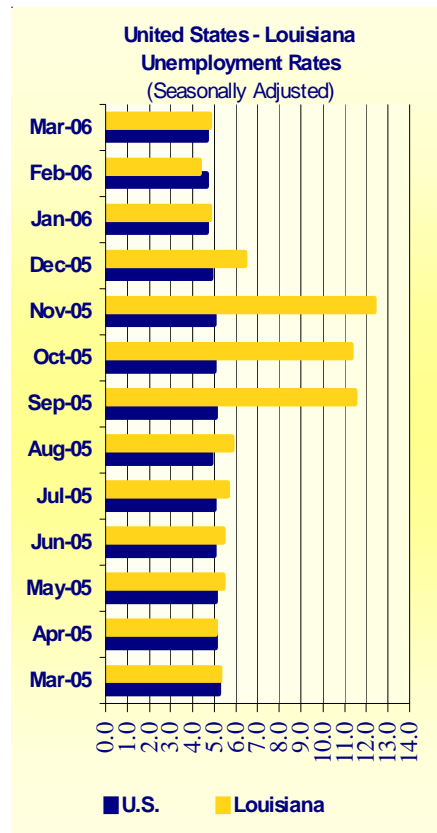
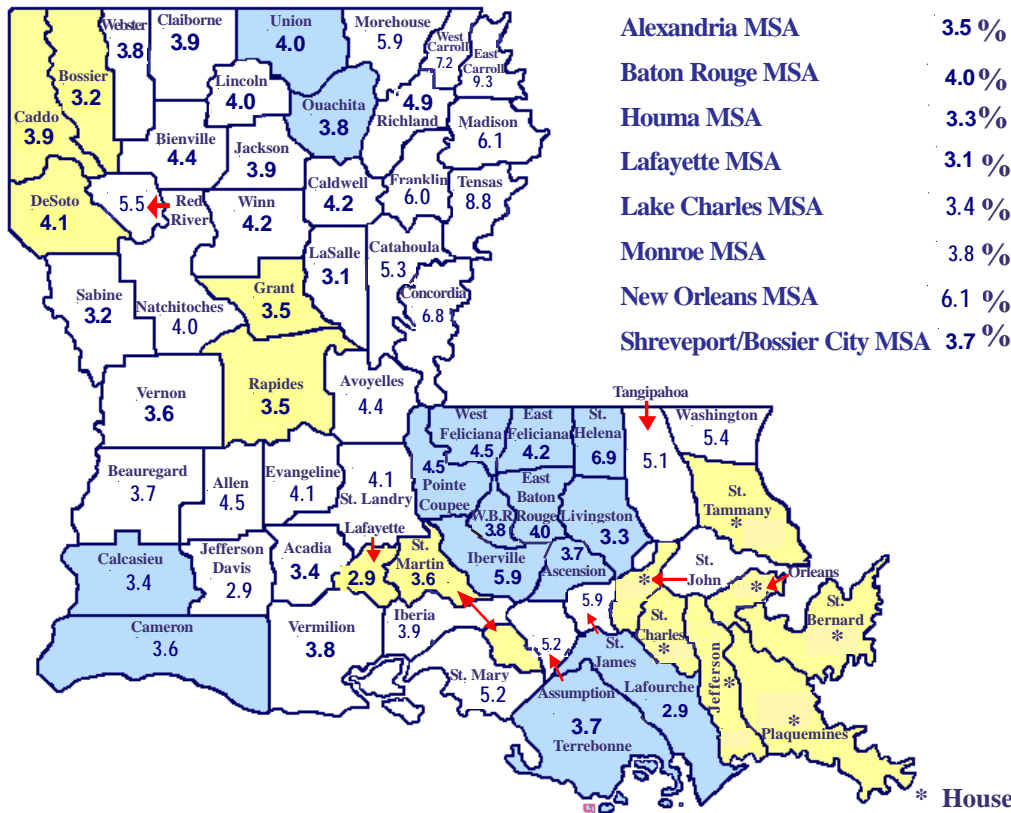
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	SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY MSA			LAFAYETTE MSA			LAKE CHARLES MSA		
	PREL	REV	REV	PREL	REV	REV	PREL	REV	REV
	MAR	FEB	MAR	MAR	FEB	MAR	MAR	FEB	MAR
<i>Not Seasonally Adjusted</i>	2006	2006	2005	2006	2006	2005	2006	2006	2005
Total Nonfarm	177,900	177,500	171,900	140,900	140,000	135,700	91,700	90,600	88,800
Total Private	143,200	142,900	138,300	124,100	123,300	119,700	76,800	75,600	74,200
Goods Producing	27,200	27,300	26,100	28,900	28,600	28,200	22,300	22,100	19,100
Natural Resources & Mining									
Natural Resources & Mining & Construction	12,900	13,000	11,600	20,600	20,400	19,600	13,600	13,400	10,200
Mining				13,700	13,600	13,100			
Oil & Gas Extraction									
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas Extraction									
Support Activities for Mining				12,500	12,300	12,100			
Drilling Oil & Gas Wells									
Construction	9,400	9,400	8,200						
Building, Development, General Construction, & Heavy Construction							5,500	5,500	5,000
Construction of Buildings									
Residential Building Construction									
Nonresidential Building Construction									
Heavy & Civil Engineering Construction							4,500	4,500	3,900
Utility System Construction									
Specialty Trade Contractors									
Manufacturing	14,300	14,300	14,500	8,300	8,200	8,600	8,700	8,700	8,900
Durable Goods									
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	3,900	3,800	4,300						
Ship & Boat Building									
Nondurable Goods							7,100	7,100	7,200
Food Manufacturing									
Paper Manufacturing									
Petroleum & Coal Products Mfg. & Chemical Mfg.							6,500	6,600	6,700
Petroleum & Coal Products Manufacturing									
Chemical Manufacturing							4,000	4,100	4,300
Basic Chemical Manufacturing									
Resin, Synthetic Rubber, & Artific. & Synthetic Fibers & Filaments									
Service Providing	150,700	150,200	145,800	112,000	111,400	107,500	69,400	68,500	69,700
Private Service Providing	116,000	115,600	112,200	95,200	94,700	91,500	54,500	53,500	55,100
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	34,000	33,400	32,700	28,500	28,400	27,200	17,600	17,100	17,300
Wholesale Trade	7,100	7,100	6,900	6,800	6,800	6,300			
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods									
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods									
Retail Trade	20,200	19,700	19,400	17,300	17,200	16,700	10,300	9,900	10,500
Clothing & Clothing Accessories Stores, General Merchandise							3,600	3,400	3,500
Motor Vehicle & Parts Dealers									
Building Material & Garden Equipment & Supplies Dealers									
Food & Beverage Stores									
Grocery Stores									
Health & Personal Care Stores									
Gasoline Stations									
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores									
General Merchandise Stores	4,500	4,300	4,100	3,100	3,000	3,100			
Department Stores									
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	6,700	6,600	6,400	4,400	4,400	4,200			
Utilities									
Transportation and Warehousing									
Truck Transportation									
Support Activities for Transportation									
Support Activities for Water Transportation									
Information	2,900	2,900	2,900	3,400	3,400	3,200			
Telecommunications									
Financial Activities	7,400	7,400	7,300	8,800	8,700	8,200			
Finance & Insurance									
Credit Intermediation & Related Activities									
Depository Credit Intermediation									
Insurance Carriers & Related Activities									
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing									
Professional & Business Services	16,800	16,600	15,000	15,000	14,700	14,500	6,800	6,700	7,000
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services				6,800	6,700	6,600			
Legal Services									
Accounting, Tax Preparation, Bookkeeping & Payroll Services									
Architectural, Engineering, & Related Services									
Management of Companies & Enterprises									
Admin. & Support & Waste Mgmt. & Remediation Serv.	8,300	8,300	7,900	5,600	5,400	5,400			
Administrative & Support Services									
Employment Services									
Services to Buildings & Dwellings									
Educational & Health Services	23,500	23,400	23,300	20,700	20,600	20,000			
Educational Services									
Colleges, Universities, & Professional Schools									
Health Care & Social Assistance	22,500	22,300	22,200	19,000	18,900	18,300			
Ambulatory Health Care Services									
Offices of Physicians									
Home Health Care Services									
Hospitals	8,300	8,300	8,500	5,500	5,400	5,100	3,100	3,100	3,200
General Medical & Surgical Hospitals	6,600	6,600	7,000						
Nursing & Residential Care Facilities									
Nursing Care Facilities									
Social Assistance									
Leisure & Hospitality	23,800	24,300	23,100	14,100	14,200	13,800	11,500	11,700	11,700
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	9,800	10,000	9,700						
Amusement, Gambling, & Recreation Industries	9,300	9,300	9,400						
Gambling Industries	7,900	7,900	8,500						
Casinos (except Casino hotels)									
Accommodation & Food Services	14,000	14,300	13,400	13,100	13,300	11,900	10,500	10,600	8,700
Accommodation									
Food Services & Drinking Places	12,900	12,900	12,200	12,200	12,300	11,000			
Other Services	7,600	7,600	7,900	4,700	4,700	4,600			
Repair & Maintenance									
Automotive Repair & Maintenance									
Personal & Laundry Services									
Government	34,700	34,600	33,600	16,800	16,700	16,000	14,900	15,000	14,600
Federal Government	4,600	4,600	4,700	1,100	1,100	1,100	600	600	600
State Government	10,800	10,700	10,300	5,200	5,000	5,200	4,200	4,200	4,000
Local Government	19,300	19,300	18,600	10,500	10,600	9,700	10,100	10,200	10,000

9(b) LOUISIANA & MSAs NONFARM EMPLOYMENT									
Not Seasonally Adjusted	MONROE MSA			HOUMA-BAYOU CANE- THIBODAUX MSA			ALEXANDRIA MSA		
	PREL	REV	REV	PREL	REV	REV	PREL	REV	REV
	MAR	FEB	MAR	MAR	FEB	MAR	MAR	FEB	MAR
	2006	2006	2005	2006	2006	2005	2006	2006	2005
Total Nonfarm	79,600	78,900	78,900	86,000	85,000	83,500	65,800	65,000	62,000
Total Private	65,000	64,400	64,500	71,900	70,700	69,500	50,100	49,400	46,600
Goods Producing	12,200	12,000	12,800	19,100	18,800	17,700	8,900	8,700	8,200
Natural Resources & Mining									
Natural Resources & Mining & Construction				13,500	13,100	12,000			
Mining				6,200	6,200	5,500			
Oil & Gas Extraction									
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas Extraction									
Support Activities for Mining				5,600	5,500	4,900			
Drilling Oil & Gas Wells									
Construction									
Building, Development, General Construction, & Heavy Construction									
Construction of Buildings									
Residential Building Construction									
Nonresidential Building Construction									
Heavy & Civil Engineering Construction									
Utility System Construction									
Specialty Trade Contractors				2,600	2,400	2,400			
Manufacturing	8,500	8,500	9,000						
Durable Goods				6,700	6,700	6,900			
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing									
Ship & Boat Building									
Nondurable Goods	5,600	5,700	6,000						
Food Manufacturing									
Paper Manufacturing									
Petroleum & Coal Products Mfg. & Chemical Mfg.									
Petroleum & Coal Products Manufacturing									
Chemical Manufacturing									
Basic Chemical Manufacturing									
Resin, Synthetic Rubber, & Artif. & Synthetic Fibers & Filaments									
Service Providing	67,400	66,900	66,100	66,900	66,200	65,800	56,900	56,300	53,800
Private Service Providing	52,800	52,400	51,700	52,800	51,900	51,800	41,200	40,700	38,400
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	14,700	14,500	14,300	21,000	20,600	20,100	11,200	11,200	11,300
Wholesale Trade									
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods									
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods									
Retail Trade	10,000	9,900	9,500	10,500	10,600	10,300	8,000	7,800	7,700
Clothing & Clothing Accessories Stores, General Merchandise	3,500	3,400	3,300						
Motor Vehicle & Parts Dealers									
Building Material & Garden Equipment & Supplies Dealers									
Food & Beverage Stores									
Grocery Stores									
Health & Personal Care Stores									
Gasoline Stations									
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores									
General Merchandise Stores									
Department Stores									
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities									
Utilities									
Transportation and Warehousing									
Truck Transportation									
Support Activities for Transportation				4,500	4,200	4,300			
Support Activities for Water Transportation				4,300	4,100	4,000			
Information									
Telecommunications									
Financial Activities									
Finance & Insurance									
Credit Intermediation & Related Activities									
Depository Credit Intermediation									
Insurance Carriers & Related Activities									
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing									
Professional & Business Services	6,900	7,000	7,400						
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services									
Legal Services									
Accounting, Tax Preparation, Bookkeeping & Payroll Services									
Architectural, Engineering, & Related Services									
Management of Companies & Enterprises									
Admin. & Support & Waste Mgmt. & Remediation Serv.									
Administrative & Support Services				4,400	4,000	4,300			
Employment Services				3,300	3,000	3,200			
Services to Buildings & Dwellings									
Educational & Health Services	13,500	13,300	12,800						
Educational Services									
Colleges, Universities, & Professional Schools									
Health Care & Social Assistance	12,800	12,700	12,200						
Ambulatory Health Care Services									
Offices of Physicians									
Home Health Care Services									
Hospitals	4,300	4,400	4,100				4,000	3,900	3,800
General Medical & Surgical Hospitals	3,600	3,600	3,400						
Nursing & Residential Care Facilities									
Nursing Care Facilities									
Social Assistance									
Leisure & Hospitality	6,600	6,500	6,700	6,200	6,400	6,900			
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation									
Amusement, Gambling, & Recreation Industries									
Gambling Industries									
Casinos (except Casino hotels)									
Accommodation & Food Services									
Accommodation									
Food Services & Drinking Places									
Other Services									
Repair & Maintenance									
Automotive Repair & Maintenance									
Personal & Laundry Services									
Government	14,600	14,500	14,400	14,100	14,300	14,000	15,700	15,600	15,400
Federal Government	600	600	600	400	500	400	2,800	2,700	2,800
State Government	5,100	5,000	5,000	3,600	3,700	3,200	5,400	5,400	5,300
Local Government	8,900	8,900	8,800	10,100	10,100	10,400	7,500	7,500	7,300

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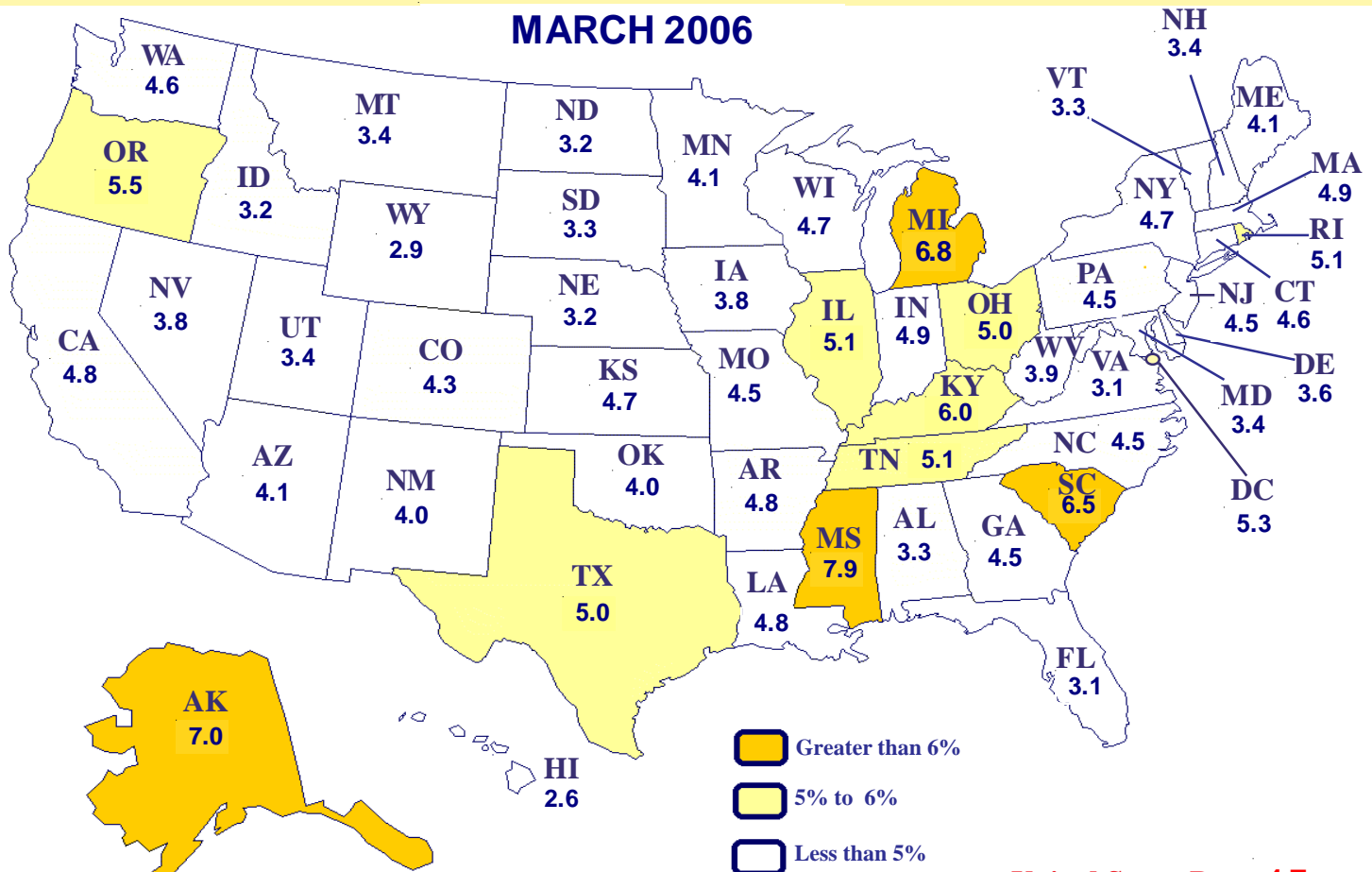
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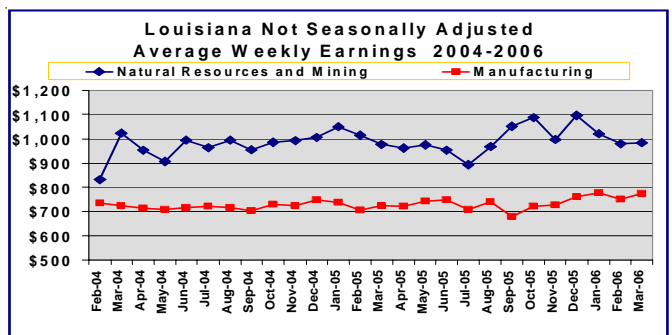
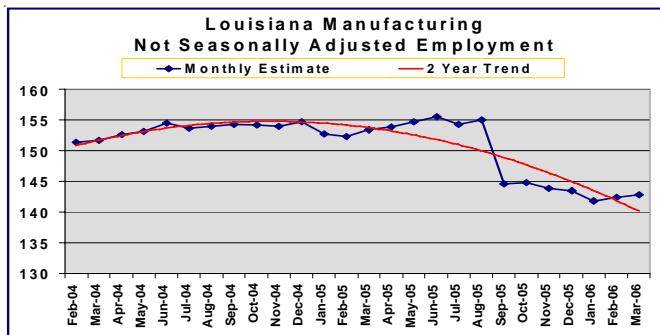
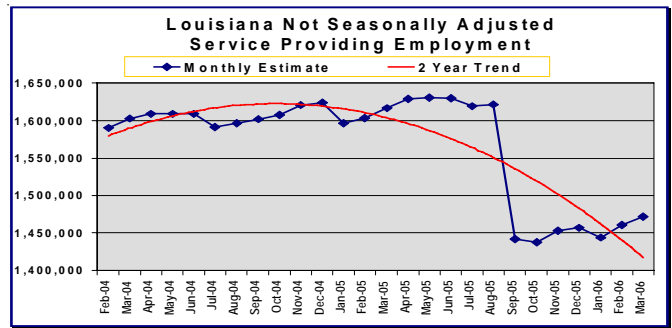
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# CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Area	Preliminary March 2006			Preliminary (U.S. data is Revised) February 2006			Revised March 2005		
	Employed	Unemployed	Rate	Employed	Unemployed	Rate	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>142,772,000</b>	<b>7,255,000</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>141,994,000</b>	<b>7,692,000</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>139,759,000</b>	<b>7,986,000</b>	<b>5.4</b>
<b>LOUISIANA</b>	<b>1,771,828</b>	<b>81,880</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>1,781,372</b>	<b>77,592</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>1,971,355</b>	<b>106,022</b>	<b>5.1</b>
<b>ALEXANDRIA MSA</b>	<b>64,567</b>	<b>2,319</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>65,116</b>	<b>2,160</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>62,544</b>	<b>3,349</b>	<b>5.1</b>
Grant	8,031	289	3.5	8,100	257	3.1	7,780	453	5.5
Rapides	56,536	2,030	3.5	57,016	1,903	3.2	54,764	2,896	5.0
<b>BATON ROUGE MSA</b>	<b>338,502</b>	<b>14,115</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>342,774</b>	<b>13,601</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>335,308</b>	<b>17,957</b>	<b>5.1</b>
Ascension	41,692	1,586	3.7	42,218	1,524	3.5	41,298	2,049	4.7
East Baton Rouge	200,834	8,461	4.0	203,369	8,204	3.9	198,939	10,176	4.9
East Feliciana	7,773	340	4.2	7,871	316	3.9	7,700	489	6.0
Iberville	11,636	732	5.9	11,783	653	5.3	11,527	960	7.7
Livingston	49,061	1,674	3.3	49,681	1,547	3.0	48,598	2,360	4.6
Pointe Coupee	9,200	431	4.5	9,316	437	4.5	9,113	705	7.2
St. Helena	3,814	281	6.9	3,862	313	7.5	3,778	308	7.5
West Baton Rouge	9,937	396	3.8	10,062	384	3.7	9,843	631	6.0
West Feliciana	4,554	215	4.5	4,612	224	4.6	4,511	279	5.8
<b>HOUMA-BAYOU CANE- THIBODAUX MSA</b>	<b>88,160</b>	<b>3,041</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>88,323</b>	<b>2,832</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>89,551</b>	<b>4,165</b>	<b>4.4</b>
Lafourche	41,832	1,255	2.9	41,909	1,210	2.8	42,492	1,856	4.2
Terrebonne	46,328	1,786	3.7	46,414	1,622	3.4	47,059	2,309	4.7
<b>LAFAYETTE MSA</b>	<b>119,257</b>	<b>3,767</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>120,322</b>	<b>3,510</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>119,061</b>	<b>4,981</b>	<b>4.0</b>
Lafayette	97,909	2,972	2.9	98,783	2,809	2.8	97,748	3,870	3.8
St. Martin	21,348	795	3.6	21,539	701	3.2	21,313	1,111	5.0
<b>LAKE CHARLES MSA</b>	<b>88,195</b>	<b>3,094</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>88,825</b>	<b>2,948</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>88,410</b>	<b>4,570</b>	<b>4.9</b>
Calcasieu	83,942	2,933	3.4	84,541	2,803	3.2	84,146	4,361	4.9
Cameron	4,253	161	3.6	4,284	145	3.3	4,264	209	4.7
<b>MONROE MSA</b>	<b>76,657</b>	<b>3,062</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>77,353</b>	<b>2,768</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>78,185</b>	<b>4,466</b>	<b>5.4</b>
Ouachita	67,005	2,659	3.8	67,613	2,395	3.4	68,340	3,844	5.3
Union	9,652	403	4.0	9,740	373	3.7	9,845	622	5.9
<b>NEW ORLEANS-METairie- KENNER MSA</b>	<b>401,382</b>	<b>26,197</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>404,299</b>	<b>25,170</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>598,151</b>	<b>28,199</b>	<b>4.5</b>
Jefferson	<b>Household sample data were not available.</b>						220,673	9,578	4.2
New Orleans City/Orleans							190,715	10,863	5.4
Plaquemines							11,245	532	4.5
St. Bernard							29,798	1,497	4.8
St. Charles							23,475	1,050	4.3
St. John Baptist							19,728	1,061	5.1
St. Tammany							102,516	3,617	3.4
<b>SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY MSA</b>	<b>168,796</b>	<b>6,505</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>171,087</b>	<b>5,948</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>168,666</b>	<b>9,500</b>	<b>5.3</b>
Bossier	47,958	1,563	3.2	48,609	1,456	2.9	47,921	2,325	4.6
Caddo	110,285	4,493	3.9	111,782	4,094	3.5	110,200	6,485	5.6
De Soto	10,553	449	4.1	10,696	398	3.6	10,545	691	6.1
<b>NON-MSA PARISHES</b>									
Acadia (Crowley) <sup>1</sup>	23,541	824	3.4	22,807	743	3.2	23,273	1,242	5.1
Allen	7,814	368	4.5	7,859	353	4.3	7,881	624	7.3
Assumption (Pierre Part) <sup>1</sup>	8,959	488	5.2	9,064	475	5.0	9,085	800	8.1
Avoyelles	14,711	680	4.4	14,568	650	4.3	14,515	1,012	6.5
Beauregard (DeRidder) <sup>1</sup>	12,913	499	3.7	13,076	460	3.4	13,169	758	5.4
Bienville	5,718	263	4.4	5,748	235	3.9	5,742	426	6.9
Caldwell	3,925	171	4.2	3,880	152	3.8	3,896	321	7.6
Catahoula	3,807	215	5.3	3,743	218	5.5	3,671	308	7.7
Claiborne	6,364	261	3.9	6,381	235	3.6	6,405	400	5.9
Concordia (Natchez, MS-LA) <sup>1</sup>	6,558	478	6.8	6,515	486	6.9	6,552	694	9.6
East Carroll	2,487	256	9.3	2,448	257	9.5	2,390	392	14.1
Evangeline	11,219	481	4.1	11,002	430	3.8	11,167	684	5.8
Franklin	7,028	451	6.0	6,872	469	6.4	6,929	677	8.9
Iberia (New Iberia) <sup>1</sup>	29,468	1,184	3.9	28,848	1,093	3.7	29,961	1,773	5.6
Jackson (Ruston) <sup>1</sup>	6,010	245	3.9	5,971	222	3.6	6,083	355	5.5
Jefferson Davis (Jennings) <sup>1</sup>	13,452	404	2.9	13,304	380	2.8	13,336	628	4.5
La Salle	5,449	176	3.1	5,376	161	2.9	5,450	283	4.9
Lincoln (Ruston) <sup>1</sup>	17,234	721	4.0	17,122	670	3.8	17,442	991	5.4
Madison (Tallulah) <sup>1</sup>	4,197	275	6.1	4,172	251	5.7	4,150	417	9.1
Morehouse (Bastrop) <sup>1</sup>	10,580	669	5.9	10,383	618	5.6	10,640	1,038	8.9
Natchitoches (Natchitoches) <sup>1</sup>	16,452	684	4.0	16,415	644	3.8	16,508	941	5.4
Red River	2,958	171	5.5	2,985	160	5.1	2,995	289	8.8
Richland	7,805	404	4.9	7,731	395	4.9	7,753	658	7.8
Sabine	8,799	295	3.2	8,702	289	3.2	8,705	532	5.8
St. James	7,596	475	5.9	7,635	483	5.9	8,253	692	7.7
St. Landry (Opelousas, Eunice) <sup>1</sup>	34,033	1,452	4.1	33,721	1,335	3.8	34,048	1,984	5.5
St. Mary (Morgan City) <sup>1</sup>	19,743	1,080	5.2	19,725	1,016	4.9	20,044	1,793	8.2
Tangipahoa (Hammond) <sup>1</sup>	43,069	2,295	5.1	43,198	2,202	4.9	46,047	2,564	5.3
Tensas	1,927	187	8.8	1,910	199	9.4	1,840	214	10.4
Vermilion (Abbeville) <sup>1</sup>	21,421	836	3.8	21,217	751	3.4	21,543	1,215	5.3
Vernon (Fort Polk South) <sup>1</sup>	19,611	734	3.6	19,650	660	3.2	19,634	1,019	4.9
Washington (Bogalusa) <sup>1</sup>	13,640	776	5.4	13,594	756	5.3	14,927	1,064	6.7
Webster (Minden) <sup>1</sup>	17,952	712	3.8	18,029	663	3.5	17,915	1,143	6.0
West Carroll	4,093	316	7.2	3,873	320	7.6	3,882	556	12.5
Winn	5,781	251	4.2	5,749	225	3.8	5,651	349	5.8

<sup>1</sup>In addition to the eight (8) Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) in Louisiana, there are seventeen (17) Micropolitan Statistical Areas (MCs): Jackson and Lincoln Parishes combine to constitute one MC area. Civilian Labor Force can be derived by adding employed and unemployed. For related information or data, please visit: [www.bls.gov/lau/home.htm](http://www.bls.gov/lau/home.htm).

The 111,000 workers statewide in all manufacturing earned an average of \$773.50 per week in March 2006. Average weekly hours worked in March were 42.5 and average hourly earnings were \$18.20.



AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES												
	Louisiana			New Orleans MSA			Baton Rouge MSA			Shreveport-Bossier City MSA		
	MAR	FEB	MAR	MAR	FEB	MAR	MAR	FEB	MAR	MAR	FEB	MAR
Average Weekly Earnings \$	2006	2006	2005	2006	2006	2005	2006	2006	2005	2006	2006	2005
Natural Resources & Mining	982.84	978.13	977.95									
Mining	960.35	979.47	992.92									
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas	1,381.28	1,258.42	1,277.34									
Support Act for Mining	941.17	962.72	989.37									
Manufacturing	773.50	749.09	725.01	973.88	869.61	1,074.81	882.44	892.89	751.04			
Durable Goods	759.92	754.61	713.48									
Transportation Equipment	851.04	842.27	765.11	673.36	626.47	641.16				1,211.10	1,223.10	1,050.89
Ship & Boat Building	740.28	737.89	719.08	666.04	626.47	641.16						
Nondurable Goods	787.67	740.72	737.60	973.88	869.61	1,074.81	1,153.96	1,207.01	1,057.21			
Food Manufacturing	444.40	414.31	429.71									
Paper Manufacturing	1,042.87	1,004.45	891.67									
Petroleum & Coal Products	897.70	825.29	1,148.36									
Chemical Manufacturing	1,247.59	1,219.36	1,172.07	1,712.70	1,504.74	1,662.96	1,853.18	1,853.18	1,278.66			
Basic Chemical Manufacturing	1,559.76	1,584.13	1,256.35				1,936.32	1,936.32	1,284.47			
Resin, Synthetic Rubber							1,114.86	1,114.86	1,234.53			
Average Weekly Hours												
Natural Resources & Mining	42.9	44.4	48.8									
Mining	41.7	44.2	48.2									
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas	44.4	43.2	44.6									
Support Act for Mining	42.8	44.0	49.1									
Manufacturing	42.5	40.8	42.9	44.9	41.0	38.9	44.1	44.6	42.6			
Durable Goods	43.3	42.9	45.3									
Transportation Equipment	40.7	40.3	43.3	38.0	36.7	39.7				40.6	40.5	43.3
Ship & Boat Building	41.8	41.2	43.9	38.3	36.7	39.7						
Nondurable Goods	41.5	38.3	40.0	44.9	41.0	38.9	42.1	43.0	38.5			
Food Manufacturing	40.0	36.6	40.5									
Paper Manufacturing	45.8	41.8	42.4									
Petroleum & Coal Products	49.9	46.6	45.3									
Chemical Manufacturing	45.4	44.6	41.8	51.9	47.2	50.7	63.4	63.4	42.2			
Basic Chemical Manufacturing	48.5	51.2	41.3				59.8	59.8	42.1			
Resin, Synthetic Rubber							47.3	47.3	47.3			
Average Hourly Earnings \$												
Natural Resources & Mining	22.91	22.03	20.04									
Mining	23.03	22.16	20.60									
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas	31.11	29.13	28.64									
Support Act for Mining	21.99	21.88	20.15									
Manufacturing	18.20	18.36	16.90	21.69	21.21	27.63	20.01	20.02	17.63			
Durable Goods	17.55	17.59	15.75									
Transportation Equipment	20.91	20.90	17.67	17.72	17.07	16.15				29.83	30.20	24.27
Ship & Boat Building	17.71	17.91	16.38	17.39	17.07	16.15						
Nondurable Goods	18.98	19.34	18.44	21.69	21.21	27.63	27.41	28.07	27.46			
Food Manufacturing	11.11	11.32	10.61									
Paper Manufacturing	22.77	24.03	21.03									
Petroleum & Coal Products	17.99	17.71	25.35									
Chemical Manufacturing	27.48	27.34	28.04	33.00	31.88	32.80	29.23	29.23	30.30			
Basic Chemical Manufacturing	32.16	30.94	30.42				32.38	32.38	30.51			
Resin, Synthetic Rubber							23.57	23.57	26.10			



**LOUISIANA UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BY CLAIMANT'S PARISH OF RESIDENCE**

**WEEK ENDING - March 18, 2006**

RLMA/PARISH	INITIAL CLAIMS	WEEKS CLAIMED	RLMA/PARISH	INITIAL CLAIMS	WEEKS CLAIMED	RLMA/PARISH	INITIAL CLAIMS	WEEKS CLAIMED
<b>RLMA 1</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>5,844</b>	<b>RLMA 4</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>3,525</b>	<b>RLMA 7</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>3,929</b>
JEFFERSON	139	2,278	ACADIA	14	248	BIENVILLE	10	99
ORLEANS	88	1,471	EVANGELINE	8	162	BOSSIER	54	670
PLAQUEMINES	2	99	IBERIA	44	381	CADDO	159	1,912
ST. BERNARD	5	96	LAFAYETTE	73	1,091	CLAIBORNE	17	74
ST. CHARLES	13	375	ST. LANDRY	42	599	DESOTO	18	164
ST. JAMES	13	155	ST. MARTIN	10	261	LINCOLN	24	330
ST. JOHN	40	469	ST. MARY	31	476	NATCHITOCHE	19	256
ST. TAMMANY	33	901	VERMILION	22	307	RED RIVER	5	62
						SABINE	9	75
						WEBSTER	28	287
<b>RLMA 2</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>5,689</b>	<b>RLMA 5</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>1,530</b>	<b>RLMA 8</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>2,752</b>
ASCENSION	37	574	ALLEN	8	118	CALDWELL	8	63
E. BATON ROUGE	172	2,877	BEAUREGARD	20	182	EAST CARROLL	5	168
EAST FELICIANA	5	103	CALCASIEU	80	1,091	FRANKLIN	12	248
IBERVILLE	14	239	CAMERON	2	39	JACKSON	6	99
LIVINGSTON	44	500	JEFF. DAVIS	6	100	MADISON	8	94
POINTE COUPEE	8	138				MOREHOUSE	25	403
ST. HELENA	6	49	<b>RLMA 6</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>1,702</b>	OUACHITA	111	1,125
TANGIPAHOA	69	818	AVOYELLES	19	219	RICHLAND	6	218
WASHINGTON	20	218	CATAHOULA	4	79	TENSAS	3	73
W. BATON ROUGE	6	125	CONCORDIA	14	164	UNION	12	140
WEST FELICIANA	0	48	GRANT	13	90	WEST CARROLL	6	121
			LASALLE	3	54			
<b>RLMA 3</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>1,081</b>	RAPIDES	65	706			
ASSUMPTION	10	144	VERNON	24	298			
LAFOURCHE	17	367	WINN	7	92			
TERREBONNE	33	570						

RLMA = REGIONAL LABOR MARKET AREA

THE ABOVE FIGURES INCLUDE REGULAR UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (UI), UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS for FEDERAL EMPLOYEES (UCFE), and UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS for EX-SERVICE MEMBERS (UCX) DATA ONLY.

THESE FIGURES DO NOT INCLUDE INITIAL AND CONTINUED CLAIMS FOR DUA (DISASTER UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE).

## Labor Market Questions and Answers!

- ➔ **Where do the nonfarm numbers come from?**
  - Employers selected by random sampling are asked to provide the Louisiana Department of Labor with employment levels for the week of the 12<sup>th</sup> of the month. The survey results provide data at the state and MSA level for nonfarm jobs. The employment estimates are only as good as the responses received within a two week time period. Therefore, the higher the survey's rate of return, the greater the accuracy of the estimated employment.
- ➔ **Why aren't the construction job counts higher when I see all of the building activity in my area?**
  - Since this is an employer based survey, the jobs are counted in the parish that the employer's payroll is paid. For example, if the company's home office is in Baton Rouge but the job is in Alexandria, then the jobs will be counted in Baton Rouge. There is no separate employer survey for job location vs. business location.
- ➔ **What is the 2006 revision change to the civilian labor force series?**
  - The Bureau of Labor Statistics has eliminated regular revisions to the monthly preliminary estimates. As an example, the preliminary January 2006 data will not be revised with the release of February's civilian labor force estimates. All of the 2006 monthly labor force series will be preliminary until revised in March 2007 as part of the normal annual benchmarking process.
- ➔ **What is the 2006 revision change to the nonfarm employment series?**
  - The major change to the nonfarm employment series is the addition of published cells for the state and some metropolitan statistical areas. For a list of the additional published cells in the 2006 nonfarm employment series go to the Web site [www.laworks.net](http://www.laworks.net), scroll over the tab at the top of the page for Labor Market Information, click on Publications and Reports, under Labor Market Information select Data Explanations and then select March 2006 – 2006 Changes to Nonfarm and Civilian Labor Force Statistics.

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# GLOSSARY & TECHNICAL NOTES

**Average Hourly Earnings/Average Weekly Earnings/ Average Weekly Hours (CES/BLS)** - average total money earnings, in the survey week (i.e., the week that includes the twelfth of the month), of production workers plus nonsupervisory workers not in production, including overtime, paid vacation and sick leave.

**Civilian Labor Force** - that portion of the population, age sixteen or older, which is employed or unemployed and actively seeking employment during the reference week of the twelfth of the month.

**Employed** - the members of the labor force who worked for pay or profit, or had a job from which they were temporarily absent because of illness, vacation, labor dispute, or other reasons not reflecting a shortage of work, or who worked fifteen hours or more as unpaid workers in an enterprise operated by a member of the family.

**Unemployed** - the members of the labor force who did not work but were seeking work or were awaiting recall from layoffs or the beginning of a new job within thirty days.

**Unemployment Rate** - the number of unemployed persons expressed as percentage of the labor force.

**Continued Claim** - each week claimed subsequent to the filing of the initial claim for a week of unemployment compensation.

**Current Employment Statistics (CES)** - estimates of nonfarm employment and production workers hours and earnings by industry. They are produced as part of a nationwide program, in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), for the state and each metropolitan statistical area (MSA) from a sample of employing establishments.

**Current Population Survey (CPS)** - a monthly household survey of the U.S. population conducted for the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) by the Bureau of Census, of 56,000 selected households. Respondents are interviewed to obtain information on the employment status of each household member age 16 and over, during the reference week of the twelfth.

**Durable Goods** - items with a normal life expectancy of three years or more. Automobiles, furniture, household appliances, and mobile homes are examples.

**Initial Claims** - a new claim, filed to open a claim for unemployment compensation.

**Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)** - a geographical area comprised of a parish generally containing a central city (or twin cities) of 50,000 inhabitants or more and contiguous parishes that are socially and economically integrated with the central city.

**Micropolitan Statistical Area (MC)** - a geographical area comprised of a parish containing a central city of at least 10,000 but less than 50,000 inhabitants and contiguous parishes that are socially and economically integrated with the central city.

**NAICS (North American Industry Classification System)** - an industry classification system that groups establishments into industries based on the activities in which they are primarily engaged.

**Nonfarm Employment** - employment by place of work that does not include the self employed, unpaid family workers, domestics, or agriculture workers. All estimates of nonfarm employment in this publication are in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics and include all full-time and part-time workers who were employed during the pay period including the twelfth of the month.

**Nondurable Goods** - items that generally last for only a short period of time (less than three years). Food, beverages, apparel, and gasoline are common examples.

**Seasonally Adjusted** - monthly data that is adjusted to minimize the changes in any time series which result from normal annual occurrences such as Christmas, summer vacations, and weather patterns.

**Subsector** - refers to the three-digit NAICS code, which will fall under the particular sector. Example: If Manufacturing (31-33) is the industry sector, then Food manufacturing (311), Paper manufacturing (322), Chemical manufacturing (325), Transportation equipment manufacturing (336), are some of the subsectors of manufacturing.

**Supersector** - refers to these five categories: Total Nonfarm, Total Private, Goods Producing, Service Providing, and Private Service Providing.

**Summary Industry Sector** - a combination of industry sectors. A summary sector may or may not be published. The summary industry sectors are Natural Resources & Mining; Natural Resources & Mining & Construction; Construction; Manufacturing; Trade, Transportation, & Utilities; Information; Financial Activities; Professional & Business Services; Educational & Health Services; Leisure & Hospitality; Other Services; and Government.

**Industry Sector** - 20 industry sectors based on two-digit NAICS code. They are Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting (11), Mining (21), Utilities (22), Construction (23), Manufacturing (31-33), Wholesale Trade (42), Retail Trade (44-45), Transportation and Warehousing (48-49), Information (51), Finance and Insurance (52), Real Estate and Rental and Leasing (53), Professional and Technical Services (54), Management of Companies and Enterprises (55), Administrative and Waste Services (56), Educational Services (61), Health Care and Social Assistance (62), Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation (71), Accommodation and Food Services (72), Other Services (81), and Public Administration (92).

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## Constraints of the monthly civilian labor force and nonfarm employment estimates:

The civilian labor force estimates are derived by a monthly survey of approximately 750 households throughout Louisiana following the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) methodology. The US Census Bureau conducts the survey by calling randomly selected households and providing BLS with survey results. Households are asked for the number of residents who are sixteen and over and whether they were working or actively looking for work during the week of the twelfth of the month. Responses to these questions become part of the formula to determine the number of people employed and the number of individuals unemployed for the state, MSAs, and each parish every month.

The nonfarm employment estimates are derived from responses received from the monthly BLS survey of 2,757 businesses across the state surveyed directly by this agency, and an additional 2,500 businesses that respond directly to BLS with their employment data. Responses capture employment activity during the twelfth of each month. This survey relies on responses from these businesses to produce industry employment levels for the state and all metropolitan statistical areas.

Both data sets are comparable with estimates for the U.S., all 50 states, and 270 metropolitan areas across the U.S.



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Civilian Labor Force (both LA & US) <http://www.voshost.com/altentry.asp?action=lmiguest>  
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Civilian Labor Force for US and other states <http://stats.bls.gov/cps/home.htm>

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